



# Lauderhill

## SPOTLIGHT

CITY OF LAUDERHILL'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER • SPRING/SUMMER 2015 EDITION

## Commissioner Berger Hosts Tribute to Women's History



*Commissioner Ken Thurston & Karen Pottinger, Finance Department, with children at this year's KAPOW (Kids and the Power of Work) Event held at Lauderhill's City Hall. The students learned how to accurately fill out a job application & write a check along with other activities.*



During Women's History Month in March, Commissioner Howard Berger honored (12) extraordinary women who reside in the All-America City of Lauderhill.

"The Tribute to Women's History here in Lauderhill will be an annual event to honor extraordinary women who reside in the City of Lauderhill. These ladies make a difference in our lives today and will leave a legacy for generations to come. I look forward to sharing their many accomplishments with Lauderhill residents who do not already know them. I assure you their exemplary lives will inspire you," explains event founder and coordinator, Commissioner Howard Berger.

The 2015 Honorees were: Velma Blaine, Maggie Curry, Mary Cipolloni, Betina Jean-Jacques, Deborah Mizell, Eula Murray-Hylton, Addie Owens, Edith Siegelau, Germaine Smith-Baugh, Rhonda Thomas, Dee Thompson, and Irma Wesley. They are pictured with Commissioner Howard Berger being recognized at a City Commission Meeting. Their hard work and dedication touches every home in Lauderhill and includes accomplishments in childcare, healthcare, politics, social services, business, education, and family development to name a few. Congratulations to this year's ladies!

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lauderhill MLK Brain Bowl



*The team is pictured here at a City of Lauderhill Commission Meeting with Commissioner M. Margaret Bates & Christine Thompson of the PALS Department.*

The 8th Annual City of Lauderhill MLK Civil Rights Brain Bowl was held at the Sadkin Community Center on Thursday, January 15, 2015. The Brain Bowl Event was the vision of Commissioner M. Margaret Bates. It developed to be held in conjunction with the City's Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration Event to

engage local and area Middle School children in a friendly "joust" of the minds with topics such as African American History, Math, Science, Literature and more. This year's event between Lauderdale Lakes Middle School and Lauderhill 6-12 proved to be one of the most exciting competitions to date. For two hours of intense, inspiring back-and-forth action with quick buzz-ins and sharp answers by the student participants, the Lauderhill 6-12 Team edged out Lauderdale Lakes Middle School Team with a surprise finish and ultimate win. Congratulations to their Principal Dr. Ryan T. Reardon, Vice Principal Ms. Gina Montagnino and the Lauderhill 6-12 Brain Bowl Team: Ms. Destiny Keen, Winda Saintil, Shammire Crocker, Zephaneah Renton, Ms. Kamesha Butler, Omory Rowe, Jadai Fearon and Oshneil Baker. Special thanks to the Lauderdale Lakes Middle School Brain Bowl Team for their participation. The team is pictured here at a City of Lauderhill Commission Meeting with Commissioner M. Margaret Bates & Christine Thompson of the PALS Department.



## Pedestrian Safety – Jaywalking & Bicycle Operation

How many times have you or your loved ones crossed a busy street on foot or on a bicycle outside of the crosswalk without thinking twice? Unfortunately, too many of our residents do this every day, often with serious consequences.

Some quick numbers for you – in 2014, the Lauderhill Police Department handled 91 incidents in which a pedestrian or bicyclist was struck by a vehicle while crossing a street improperly. Fortunately, none of those incidents involved a loss of life.

Perhaps you have had a near miss while walking, riding a bike, or even as the driver of a car that nearly struck a jaywalker. The physical, emotional, and financial impact of these crashes are significant for everyone involved.

In late 2014, the Lauderhill Police Department Traffic Unit applied for and was awarded the High Visibility Enforcement Grant to help reduce pedestrian and bicyclist injury crashes through education and traffic



enforcement. The first phase of the grant, which lasted from December 2014 until March 2015, involved education of the community on pedestrian and bicycle laws. You may have seen our message boards throughout the city with various safety messages

related to jaywalking and bicycling. In March, we began the enforcement phase of the grant which includes the issuing of jaywalking citations. These citations are \$68 each. So far the police department has written several traffic citations for pedestrian and bicycle violations, and we will continue to do so until there is a decrease in these types of infractions.

Please do your part in making our city's roadways safer. Cross at designated crosswalks in accordance with the signal; operate bicycles safely and follow the traffic laws – they exist for bicycles too, not just for motor vehicles.

If you have any questions about pedestrian and bicycle safety, please contact Sergeant Joseph Soren of our Traffic Unit at 954-497-4700. Educational opportunities to address your business, school, or home/neighborhood associations are available upon request.

## Homeowner's Association Meetings

### **BROWARD ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

**Contact:** Jacob Greene  
**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - monthly  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Parkway Middle School Media Center  
**Phone:** (954) 895-7287

### **CYPRESS HOLLOW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**Contact:** Alice "Sam" Swanson, President  
**When:** Six (6) meetings a year (variable schedule)  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Forest Trace (library or clubhouse)  
**Phone:** (954) 341-6340 (Swift Management)  
**E-mail:** cypresshollow@gmail.com

### **FOREST LAKE ESTATES**

**Contact:** Thomas A. Ballard, Jr.  
**When:** 2nd Tuesday - monthly  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Forest Trace Facility  
**Phone:** (954) 748-7987

### **HAWTHORNE PLACE ASSOC.**

**Contact:** Israel Charles  
**When:** 2nd Tuesday - monthly  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Veterans Park  
**Phone:** (954) 445-7646  
**E-mail:** israelcharles@me.com

### **INVERRARY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOC.**

(North of 44th St. and East of University)  
**Contact:** Dr. Meville Herron  
**When:** 1st Tues. every other month  
**Time:** 7:15 pm  
**Place:** Veterans Park  
**Phone:** (954) 578-1314

### **LAUDERHILL CENTRAL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

(Between Oakland Park & Sunrise Blvds., W. of the Tpk.)  
**Contact:** Beryl Collins  
**When:** 1st Wednesday - monthly  
(No June or July)  
**Time:** 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
**Place:** John Mullin Aquatic Complex  
**Phone:** (954) 321-8322

### **NORTHWEST LAUDERHILL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

(West of University)  
**Contact:** Lora Thomson  
**When:** 2nd Tuesday of the month (no summer)  
**Time:** 7:15 pm  
**Place:** Veterans Park  
**Phone:** (954) 748-6320

### **THE ESTATES OF INVERRARY HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION**

**Contact:** Lamont D. Roberts  
**When:** Every month (call to find out)  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Varies (board members homes)  
**Phone:** (954) 309-9806

### **THE ENCLAVE AT INVERRARY HOMEOWNERS ASSOC.**

**Contact:** Marsha Radcliffe  
**When:** Varies monthly, call to confirm days/times  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Place:** Inverrary Association Bldg.  
**Phone:** (954) 730-0514

### **ST. GEORGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

**Contact:** Tony Williams, President  
**When:** 2nd Tuesday every month  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** St. George Civic Center  
**Phone:** (954) 579-5567

### **UNITED LAUDERHILL HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

(East Lauderhill, East of the Turnpike)  
**Contact:** Walton Hunter  
**When:** 3rd Monday - monthly, no summer  
**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
**Place:** Sadkin Community Center  
**Phone:** (954) 850-6080

### **WEST KEN LARK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

**When:** 2nd Thursday of every month  
No Meetings or game nights  
June & July. They will resume in August  
**Time:** 7:30 pm  
**Place:** George Perry Center  
(at West Ken Lark Park)

### **WEST INVERRARY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

(Includes 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, & 37th Streets)  
**When:** 4th Thursday every month  
**Time:** 7:30 pm  
**Place:** Environ Cultural Center  
**Contact:** Janette Shand  
**Phone:** 954-295-9074 or  
inverraryneighborhoodwatch@yahoo.com

## Ready or Not Hurricane Season is Upon Us!

It's time to dust off that plan and make sure you and your family are ready to weather the storm...

Weather experts are saying that it could be another quiet hurricane season for Florida. But let's remember, it only takes one storm to change that. Hurricane Andrew devastated South Florida in what was considered to be a quiet season. The destruction it caused took decades to recover from and changed the way buildings are constructed in Florida. The population in the tri county area has surged over the years and should a storm come our way, government recourses will be stretched to their limits. That's why you must be prepared. The Atlantic Hurricane season begins on June 1st and will end on November 30th. Your Lauderhill Emergency Management Team is ready and standing watch.

## Our "Lulu" Louizaire Wins Miss Gold Coast '15



Congratulations to Lauderhill Resident & High School Senior Ms. Ludwig (Lulu) Louizaire for participating in the Miss Broward County 2015 Pageant. She was crowned Miss Gold Coast, and she now advances to the Miss Florida Pageant in June. With a win there, she would grace the Miss America stage in September. Ms. Louizaire

plans to obtain a law degree and enter the entertainment field. She is a senior at Northeast High School and also was a recipient of Comcast's Leaders and Achievers Scholarship. She was a Lauderhill Police Explorer for (6) years. Great job and best wishes on your future endeavors!!

### ATTENTION CONDO AND HOMEOWNER PRESIDENTS:

In an ongoing effort to maintain our records and make sure all presidents are receiving important information from various City departments, please call Julie Boukhari at 954-730-3000 to verify your organization's contact information. Even if your group has been receiving materials from the City, it is imperative for the City to verify the information we have to make sure all groups are properly informed.

## Message from Chief Andrew Smalling



### #Safer By 4

It is said that children are blessings from heaven. As a society, we usually take great care to protect and keep them safe from harm. Despite the best of intentions, at times circumstances, lack of resources, and in some cases family tradition, create conditions that are hazardous to our children.

One of the most pressing concerns in our city is preventing Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID). Formerly known as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), this cause of infant mortality is higher than average in Broward County and leads to the death of our children before their 4th birthday. Caregivers must understand the dangers of smothering, which is caused by sleeping in the same bed with an infant or small child. The safest way for an infant or small child to sleep is Alone on their Back in a Crib (ABC).

Another leading cause of death for our children is drowning. With summer arriving, the use of residential and community swimming pools will increase. With the abundance of canals and lakes in most of our neighborhoods, these too can become death traps for young children who don't know how to swim. The "#Safer By 4" program was initiated by the Children's Services Council of Broward and the Florida Department of Children and Families to educate and coordinate with caregivers to offer resources to obtain cribs to help prevent SUID and provide water safety advice.

The Lauderhill Police Department is training our personnel to recognize SUID and potential water hazards in the community and make referrals for assistance as needed. It is our goal to give caregivers as many resources as possible to help them provide a safe environment for our newest citizens – our infants and toddlers. We need your help in making sure that you take all precautions to prevent accidents such as crib death and child drowning. 1) Do not sleep in the same bed as an infant or toddler. 2) Remove all toys and other items in a crib which may smother an infant. 3) Teach your children how to swim or find an approved swim class in your area to teach them.

Take the pledge with us to become a #Safer By 4 community – "give our children the opportunity to make it safely to their 4th birthday." For more information, please contact Major Rick Rocco at 954 497 4700.

#### Take the Pledge – Become a #SafeBy4 Community

\*Become a #SaferBy4 champion in your community by becoming educated about risk factors that contribute to child fatalities and how to prevent them. For more information about how to become a #SaferBy4 Community, contact: 954-331-3499 or via email: [Kim.Gorsuch@MyFLFamilies.com](mailto:Kim.Gorsuch@MyFLFamilies.com).

## Police Explorers on the move!!



The Lauderhill Police Explorers Post #200 members participated in the Annual Learning for Life Competition in Doral, Florida. The Explorers competed against several other post members from Dade and Broward County. Our Post took second place in the Crime Scene Investigation Competition where they were required to perform an investigation and preserve a crime scene. Lauderhill's own Anna Lee Dawkins took first place in our Police Bike Competition. She was judged on her performance and riding technique.

As the Learning for Life Event was taking place in Doral, other Police Explorers were assisting with our local ROC-Resource Our Children Program. This program is designed to assist parents with potential high-risk youth who are having trouble in school, home and in the community. This program had (22) youths enrolled. Our Explorers assisted in the Program's operations, and they served as peer members. (Photo - Officers are in white uniforms / Police Explorers in blue shirts).

## Message from Chief Celetti

### Eyes on the Kids

Greetings from the men and women of the Lauderhill Fire Department. As we approach the long hot days of summer here in sunny South Florida, we need to remember to be more conscientious about the heat. A car's windows can act like a greenhouse trapping sunlight and heat. As reported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, approximately twenty-five children a year die as a result of being left or becoming trapped in hot vehicles. In warmer weather, a vehicle's temperature can rise to dangerous, life-threatening levels in only 10 minutes. It is never OK to leave small children in a car even with the windows down. Most cars these days have a remote key control, and we find ourselves pushing the lock as we walk away. Parents and caregivers should make it a habit that after exiting their car, look back inside before locking it. Also, let's also not forget about our pets that are just as susceptible to heat stroke as humans.

The summer also brings us great outdoor weather for using our pools and visiting the beach. Drowning deaths are preventable. The state of Florida loses more children under the age of five to

drowning than any other state in the nation. Always designate a "Water Watcher" to keep an eye on all of the swimmers. If your children or someone you know does not know how to swim, there are several free swimming classes provided within the City and the County. For information on these programs, go to the City's website or contact the PALS Department. If you own a pool, make sure that all of your pool safety measures are in place. If you would like a free, courtesy pool safety inspection, contact the Fire Department at 954-730-2950 to schedule an appointment. The inspection only takes a few minutes. Lastly, don't forget the sun screen, and enjoy the summer.



## Smoke Alarms Save Lives!



Make sure you have a working smoke detector on all levels of your home. Keep spare batteries on hand and ensure that your detectors are free from dust. If you have any questions regarding smoke detectors, contact the Lauderhill Fire Prevention Bureau at 954-730-2950 or via the City's website

[www.lauderhill-fl.gov](http://www.lauderhill-fl.gov).

Lauderhill Fire Rescue - "Prepared for the Worst, Providing the Best"



## New Car Seat Law is in Effect



In 2014, Florida lawmakers passed a law after years of persistent pressure by child safety advocates. The law was signed by Gov. Rick Scott, and it was designed to further protect children in moving motor vehicles.

The law requires children to be placed in federally approved car restraint seats through the age of three and in either a car seat or booster seat, depending on the size of the child, for children aged four and five years old. Parents will no longer be allowed to secure their children under the age of five using only a seatbelt.

A violation could result in up to three points on a license for the driver and an unspecified fine set at the discretion of the judge, said Karen Morgan, public policy manager for AAA The Auto Club Group in Tampa. The points can be removed if the driver takes a safety class.

The law allows for some exemptions: children being driven by unpaid drivers who are not in the child's immediate family; children being transported for medical emergencies; and children with a medical condition necessitating an exception. According to the law, parents, not operators, are responsible for securing their children in appropriate restraint seats in all for-hire vehicles, such as cabs and limousines.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that the leading cause of death for American children between the ages of 5-14 is the lack of proper restraints when in traffic accidents. To learn more about this law, please visit <http://www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/cps/>.

Source: Keith Morelli, "New Florida car seat law takes effect Jan 1," *The Tampa Tribune*, Dec. 21, 2014

## Sickle Cell Foundation's 5K



City of Lauderhill employees & residents participated in the Sickie Cell Foundation's Annual 5K Event at the Central Broward Regional Park. They were recognized at a City Commission Meeting for their efforts in supporting the Sickie Cell Foundation's Research.

## The Jack & Jill Organization March 2015 Oratorical Contest at Lauderhill's City Hall



## Lauderhill's 2015 UNITOWN Event Participants

UNITOWN is a weekend retreat for high school students where they receive training and enlightenment on issues involving diversity, community values and leadership.



Left - right: Daphne Dyer, Lauderhill PALS Administrative Manager; Joshua Monroe, Junior Counselor, former participant; D'yon Harding, participant; Vincent Dean, Parks Recreation Leader & Adult Counselor; Sonja Beasley, participant; Anyssa Cisrow, participant; Diamond Chance, participant; Marcellus Green, Parks Youth Recreation Programmer & Adult Counselor; Zakareyah Doresa, participant.

## FAMILY SAFETY DAY

at John E. Mullins Aquatic Center

SATURDAY,  
JUNE 6TH

10AM - 5PM

- Water Safety Instruction
- CPR Demo by Fire Dept.
- Scuba Demo by Police Dept.
- Free Swimming
- Raffle + Prizes
- Food + Games



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W.O.N. (Watch Out Now!) "W.O.N. for all, all for W.O.N."

A community partnership where everyone watches out now for children's well being to prevent accidental deaths or injury due to drowning, sleep accidents, and vehicle safety





## 2015 Spelling Bee Award Winners

Congratulations to all participants in the Annual City of Lauderhill & MLK Taskforce Spelling Bee.

Children from local Elementary Schools once again accepted the challenge of this academic word spelling competition. It was fun and educational, gave students and teachers and all others who participated a sense of school and community pride.

The 2015 Spelling Bee Champions were:

3rd grader: Anya Wallace, Lauderhill Paul Turner Elementary  
4th grader: Menyelek Shaw, Phyl's Academy  
5th grader: Jordan Johnson, Royal Palm Elementary

After the 64 round competition, 3rd grader Orlayinah Gonzalez from Royal Palm Elementary was additionally named the 3rd grade runner-up.

## Greater Miami & South Florida POP Warner Scholastic Achievers

Thirteen of Lauderhill's student athletes (9 from the Broncos and 4 from the Lions) confidently represented the City of Lauderhill as they were recognized for maintaining the highest GPAs in their classes along with their outstanding athletic achievements. The presenters included: Senator Marco Rubio, Miami Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez, Pedro Taylor (father of Sean Taylor) and representatives from Burger King Corporation.



## 2015 SAKE Award Winners



**Sportsmanship Award**  
Cash Lewis, Giants Baseball

**Volunteer of the Year**  
Veronica Smith, Broncos Football & Cheerleading

**Leadership Award**  
Christopher Baptiste, Youth Football Programs

**Monford Johnson Community Service Award**  
Jonathan Lederman, Broncos Football & Cheerleading

**Team of the Year**  
Broncos Jr. Midget Cheerleading

**Charles Bingham Coach of the Year**  
Darryl Wright, Cheetahs Track & Field

**Scholar Athlete of the Year**  
Paige Pierre-Louis – Cheetahs Track & Field (\$1,000)  
Cameron Jones – Broncos Football (\$500)  
Michael Manna – Giants Baseball & Lions Soccer (\$500)

Each category winner received a computer tablet. There was also a raffle of bicycles, skateboards, and other tablets to children in the audience.

## 2015 School Calendar Broward County Public Schools

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AUGUST				
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SEPTEMBER				
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- Employee Planning (no school for students)
- Schools & Administrative Offices Closed
- Schools Closed
- Report Cards Issued
- Interim Reports Issued
- Early Release Day
- First & Last Day of School

Hurricane make-up days in order of preference: 2/26/15, 3/19/15, 6/4/15 \*Year-round schools follow different calendars





Mayor Kaplan presents Lauderhill resident Luereen Flournoy with a Proclamation honoring her for her 100th birthday. Also pictured: Commissioner Ken Thurston & Commissioner M. Margaret Bates.



Mayor Kaplan with Jeff & Sati Baboolal, owners of Screen Post Production, at this year's MLK / Black History Month Gala featuring Bernice King.



Vice Mayor Benson with SAKE Scholar Athlete Paige Pierre-Louis who earned a \$1,000 scholarship. She is a Cheetahs Track & Field athlete. Michael Manna is also in the picture. He was a runner-up and earned a \$500 scholarship and participates with the Lions Youth Soccer and Giants Youth Baseball Programs.

## MAYOR RICHARD J. KAPLAN



The year 2015 has already started off with a bang.

We have just concluded our 7th Season of Jazz Picnic in the Park and our 3rd Season of Tribute Concerts. We are already working on

next season's schedule which will start in December and we expect to add a third Tribute Concert. You can always get updates on our concerts at [www.lauderhilljazz.com](http://www.lauderhilljazz.com), or by becoming a friend or liking us on Facebook at either our Mayor's Aide page or Lauderhill Jazz Picnic in the Park page.

This year we have introduced a new program and a new publication, "Bank on Lauderhill" and a "Guide to the City of Lauderhill."

The Bank on Lauderhill program is part of Bank on Florida, which utilizes Non-Profit organizations and Financial Institutions. The purpose is to address the unbanked and under-banked residents in our city, which is close to 50% of the population. Through these organizations we are attempting to create an opportunity for residents to open up inexpensive accounts with the Financial Institutions as an alternative to using the much more expensive Cash Checking Stores and Pay Day Stores.

We have already conducted several meetings and we are in the planning stage of a financial educational fair. If we

proceed as expected, this program should already be operating and available at your local banks and credit unions. The participants, including the City of Lauderhill, plan to put out information on how you can take advantage of this program.

The "Guide to the City of Lauderhill" is a brochure that is being distributed within the city to provide information about the City, its departments, staff and activities. It also includes other subject matters pertaining to other governments serving Lauderhill, businesses and organizations that operate within Lauderhill. The Guide will serve as a reference tool for residents to quickly find useful information.

Finally, I have been working on new regulations relating to Charter and Private Schools and how they operate. Under current law the School Board has very limited authority regarding these schools. Therefore, it has fallen upon the cities to help make sure our students get the education they expected in a safe environment.

Unfortunately, too many charter schools have been failing and we have concerns over whether students are being placed in dangerous conditions. These new regulations will directly address these situations. It is possible that this new law may become a template for other cities to follow who are experiencing the same problem Lauderhill has with its charter schools.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at [mayor@lauderdale-fl.gov](mailto:mayor@lauderdale-fl.gov), or call 954-752-1732; or 954-730-3016 (city hall). You may also write to me at City Hall, 5581 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33313.

## VICE MAYOR HAYWARD J. BENSON, JR.



S. A. K. E., Sports Advancing Kids Education, has become one of the signature events in our City and I could not be more proud. From the humble beginnings in 2008, to the most recent ceremony on February 26, 2015, where coaches, volunteers, student-athletes, the Team of the Year, the Monford Johnson Community Service Award, the Charles Bingham Coach of the Year and the coveted Scholar Athletic of the Year are recognized. This event has captured the attention and participation of the City's elected officials as presenters to the students-athletes that practice and play in all of our City sponsored athletic programs and were selected to be honored in one of the selected categories, as well as the many volunteers. In many instances, selected representatives of our community also acted as presenters. Former National League Baseball player, Pedro Feliz, was the guest motivational speaker, sharing his childhood dreams that led him to become a member of both the San Francisco Giants and the Philadelphia Phillies baseball teams. He currently owns a business in the City of Lauderhill.

Presently, the S.A. K. E. Awards effort has been able to give in excess of \$17,000 in scholarship money to our Student-Athletes that are successful in both the classroom and their chosen "field of play". All winners, in all categories, this year, received a computer tablet to help in their school work.

The criteria for recognition for the S. A. K. E. Awards, by category, are: Sportsmanship: The recipient of this award must display self discipline and

positive behavior in difficult team situations. This individual follows the rules of the game and is able to win or lose with dignity and class. Volunteer of the Year: The recipient of this award is not necessarily a participant on a sports team, but volunteers their time and efforts unselfishly to assist in the advancement of the youth sports program. Leadership: The recipient of this award must display the ability to demonstrate positive motivation and leadership. Monford Johnson Community Service Lifetime Achievement Award: The recipient of this award volunteers time and effort. The recipient demonstrates respect and pride for the community over a long

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## COMMISSIONER HOWARD BERGER

In March, I held my new signature event, the "First Annual Tribute to Women's History Month." Women's History Month had its origin as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed legislation requesting the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." Congress designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month – and since 1995, every President issues proclamations distinguishing this month. This annual event will honor extraordinary women who reside in the City of Lauderhill. These residents make a difference in our lives today. Their dedication, talent and hard work have made an indelible mark in our City for which



we should be grateful. I was honored to share our 2015 honorees' service and achievements with those in our community who do not already know them. This memorable event included a reception followed by an awards presentation in the Commission Chambers. This year's twelve honorees were Velma Blaine, Maggie Curry, Mary Cipolloni, Betina Jean-Jacques, Deborah Mizell, Eula Murray-Hylton, Addie Sanders-Owens, Edith Siegleaub, Dr.

Germaine Smith-Baugh, Rhonda Thomas, Dee Thompson and Irma Hunter-Wesley. These accomplished residents represent diverse professional backgrounds and almost every neighborhood in our

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Commissioner Howard Berger with resident and honoree Dee Thompson at his Women's Tribute Event.

## COMMISSIONER KEN THURSTON

The "Green Series" of gardening seminars ended March 26, 2015, and I would like to thank our sponsor, Waste Pro, for their support of our community. I would also like to thank the Master Gardeners who made presentations: Verenda Richards of the YMCA for her "Going Native and Growing Fruit and Vegetables that are Native to South Florida" Presentation; Michael Madfis of Ft. Lauderdale Vegetables who spoke about places in the community to buy fruit and veggies to grow in community gardens; Flavio Sloat of Fruitful Fields spoke about how non-profit organizations and religious groups can get involved in urban gardening; and Pat Simpson shared her knowledge of edible landscapes and growing hedges that produce fruit. These seminars offered new growing techniques and addressed the questions from the audiences. I am developing the next Green Series which will start in September 2015. Contact me if you have a particular subject that you would like to be included.



The community garden at Lauderhill 6-12 School is doing well. A grove of bananas and papaya is thriving at the site. If you are interested in getting a plot of land to grow your choice of fruit and vegetables, call the YMCA at 754-322-3608. A second community garden is being planned for the Windermere/Tree Garden Neighborhood at 55th Avenue and 18th Street, and we hope to open this Community Garden in the Fall of 2015.

The City requires all businesses to obtain a license to operate. If a house or apartment is rented, it is considered a business and therefore needs a license. When the application is submitted, the City inspects the property to insure the property meets minimum housing standards. If repairs are needed, the City informs the property owner of the corrections needed and follows up to make sure that the repairs are made. If you know of unlicensed rental property in your community, call the City at 954-730-3000. The more attractive the properties are

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Commissioner Ken Thurston attended the 2015 Parkway Middle School Juried Art Fair Awards Ceremony along with ACT (Arts, Culture & Tourism) Board Members Barika Williams & Tom Harney held on Thursday, April 30th.

## COMMISSIONER M. MARGARET BATES

We are continually moving forward to make our Mission Statement a true statement of our vision for this City. "To make the City of Lauderhill a secure, clean, and desirable place to live, work, and visit by providing for a continually improving wide range of city services. To encourage a community that retains and promotes employment opportunities, economic growth, and improved quality of life. Where people of diverse cultural backgrounds and incomes peacefully interrelate." I hope you see that the Renaissance of Lauderhill continues.



school kids were outstanding in our SPELLING BEE and BRAIN BOWL. Thanks again to the parents and teachers at these schools for your hard work and the support of the schools' administrators. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration/Black History Month for adults was a success with one of Dr. King's children as our speaker. Dr. Bernice A. King reminded us that future generations cannot afford to take steps backwards on what her father and other

leaders have been trying to accomplish, and that is to advance our society. Dr. King also said that she encourages and believes that every generation has to understand its responsibilities to make some sacrifices to bring change. Do you agree? Or disagree? Let me know.

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Commissioner M. Margaret Bates & the City of Lauderhill recognized this year's Spelling Bee Champions at a recent Commission Meeting. She is pictured here with the 3rd grade winner, Amya Wallace from Paul Turner Elementary. Great job Amya!! Also pictured: Christine Thompson, PALS Department & Irvin Kiffin, PALS Director.



## VICE MAYOR HAYWARD J. BENSON, JR.

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period of time and makes a huge impact in the lives of kids, volunteers and others in the community. Team Of The Year Award: The recipients of this award must display the ability to work together to demonstrate positive team behavior, discipline, spirit and sportsmanship. Charles Bingham Coach Of The Year: The recipient of this award must lead by example as a positive role model and coach. This individual should encourage and empower student-athletes academically, athletically and socially. Scholar-Athlete: The recipient of this award must display the ability to participate in a given sport, while maintaining a minimum 3.5 grade point average. Both scholastic and athletic accomplishments will be considered carefully. This award is based on recommendations of the student-athlete's teacher, coaching staff and others in the community.

This year's honorees, by category, are:

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: Cash Lewis, Giants Baseball; VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

Veronica Smith, Broncos Football & Cheerleading; LEADERSHIP AWARD: Christopher Baptiste, Youth Football Programs; MONFORD JOHNSON COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: Jonathan Lederman, Broncos Football & Cheerleading; TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD: Broncos Jr. Midget Cheerleading; CHARLES BINGHAM COACH OF THE YEAR: Darryl Wright, Cheetahs Track & Field; SCHOLAR ATHLETE(S) OF THE YEAR Runner Up: Cameron Jones, Broncos Football Team. \$500.00 Cash Award Runner Up: Michael Manna, Giants Baseball & Lions Soccer. \$500.00 Cash Award Winner: Paige-Louis, Cheetahs Track & Field. \$1,000.00 Cash Award

This was a banner year for S. A. K. E. Awards and next year will be even better. Congratulations to the winners of this year's Awards, to the Staff of PALS Department and its Department Director, Irv Kiffin for the dedication to the success of this signature event in Lauderhill.

Until next time, Stay Well.

## COMMISSIONER KEN THURSTON

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in your community, the higher the property values. The ownership of real estate accounts for the largest asset of most families. Let's work together to keep our neighborhoods looking good.

All of the schools in our City are staffed with caring, dedicated educators. We can all help to make our schools better by volunteering at our schools. An hour a week could make a big difference to a child. You do not need to be a trained teacher to help. Call the school closest to you and volunteer.

## COMMISSIONER M. MARGARET BATES

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I am proud to be a part of a Commission who at some point stopped asking the question "Why?" and decided to say "What can we do to make life better for our residents?" So the improvements you see around the City are a result of our asking you and listening to what you were saying. If we work together we can make a difference. I think you are seeing the results of working together and hopefully it will continue.

Our Performing Arts Center is almost completed. Hopefully next year's celebration of MLK will be held in our new Performing Arts Center on 441/Sunrise Blvd.

Community improvements have been completed, some are just beginning, and some will be starting within this fiscal year. For example, the new Fire Station/Police Sub Station is well on its way.

Did you know that by recycling you can earn valuable gift cards? Our Community Leaders Breakfast is scheduled for June (more info will follow).

I am still looking for female Veterans to honor in November. If you are a Lauderhill resident and Veteran, male or female, and have not been previously honored by the City, please get in touch with my office at 954-777-2043.

Please continue to check our website for updated information of things going on in the City.

These are just a few of the things going on in our City, The ALL AMERICA CITY OF LAUDERHILL!!!

AGAIN THE RENAISSANCE OF LAUDERHILL CONTINUES.

Until next time, have a wonderful summer and stay SAFE.







## SONDRO FASHIONS

For many of us who live in Inverrary, **SONDRO's Boutique** is as ubiquitous as our greenery and landscape. That, in part, might be as a result of her being a distinctive business-owner in our beloved City for over 43 years .....and everybody says she has not aged one day!! Her store is welcoming in the Shoppes of Inverrary Plaza, and we are all mesmerized by its elegant and eye-popping display areas which **SONDRO** adorns frequently, much to our delight! She showcases bold colors, and her stylish

clothes are tasteful, her accessories creatively unique and can be worn by so many different people. You will be immersed in colors of spring pink, lilac, pistachio, sherbet and many more while you enjoy the trendy and fashionable clothes on which these colors sit so comfortably and appropriately.

**SONDRO's** style is classic elegance and sophisticated. If you are into fads, **SONDRO's** might not be your place, but if you are into trendy, fashionable and good clothing made from quality fabrics, then you are at the right place. No woman wants to dress-up and attend an elegant affair only to find somebody else wearing the same outfit. You can be sure that your outfit from **SONDRO** was made especially for you as she is known to shop carefully and wisely.

### SONDRO'S BOUTIQUE – THE SHOPPES OF INVERRARY

Four glamorous boutique stores bear her first name **SONDRO**, a former products model and director for the Barbizon School of Modeling in New York. She has parlayed her flair for fashion and talent for dealing with people into a successful retail operation and owns multiple stores.

Initially **SONDRO** only merchandised cosmetics and accessories but that soon changed when customers, impressed with her keen fashion sense and eye for detail, asked her questions about their wardrobe needs. Today **SONDRO's** reach into retailing includes designer sportswear, evening clothes, gowns, shoes, accessories, complete cosmetic makeovers and custom designing as your glamorous gowns can be made to order. In accounting for her success, **SONDRO** is quick to point out that her supervision of the store operations is intensive. She employs a general manager who visits all the stores weekly, and she is not an absentee owner. She is in communication with each store daily. This, she believes, is vital to tracking and sensing what the public wants.

Buying the right item is critical to any retail operation. **SONDRO** makes many buying trips annually and deals with more than 100 buying resources. While focusing

principally on the New York market, she will travel to Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas and Los Angeles to identify trends.

'There are many ways you can dress a full figure to look slimmer. She can look as good as a size six or eight,' says **SONDRO**.

### RETAIL CHALLENGES AND SUCCESS

Asked how she intends to cope with the softening market in retailing, she is quick to answer with some wise answers: 'I'll do everything possible to fulfill a customer's request. If I can't find the merchandise in one of my stores, I'll call my manufacturers or even do a custom job with my dressmaker. The important thing is not to lose the customer and to make them happy!'

'I think that's the saving point with small business people today. You just can't wait for the traffic off the street. You have to create traffic and you have to create goodwill and a customer following that will be a source of repeat business as well as a referral to friends.

She points out that when money is tight customers will not spend to duplicate something that is already in their wardrobe. They will buy if the item is new and definitely gives them a lift. Her buying is predicated on keeping merchandise exciting and fresh. 'I am a boutique operation, so I buy items, not lines,' she points out.

To promote her stores, which all have a special boutique ambiance, **SONDRO** uses internet marketing, direct mail, local newspaper advertising, fashion shows for fund-raising charities and restaurant modeling. Probably the most important promotional ingredient for success is **SONDRO's** enthusiastic positive personality. She loves the fashion business, genuinely cares for people and delights when customers are pleased with her personal efforts to help them look good and feel great about themselves. To this end, **SONDRO** is committed to working endless hours each day and thinking about exciting new innovations for fashion ideas. Without question, **SONDRO**, our retailing virtuoso has earned her success and is great example of a viable and successful business in our city, region, state and nation.

### Sondro's Fashions

5547 W Oakland Park Boulevard (Shoppes of Inverrary), Lauderdale, FL 33313

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## COMMISSIONER HOWARD BERGER

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City. I look forward to planning another event for next year.

Occasionally, a Commissioner will sponsor a resolution advocating support for (or opposition to) a pending piece of national or state legislation. Recently, I sponsored a resolution supporting a proposed state law to make texting while driving a primary offense. Police would be able to pull over offending drivers. No other offense would be required. The National Safety Council estimates that at least 200,000 accidents per year are caused by texting and driving. Distracted driving causes thousands of highway fatalities with texting while driving being the leading cause. I am also preparing to sponsor a resolution supporting state legislation requiring underwater electrical inspections every 5 years for pools at water therapy facilities and childcare agencies. These pools are now exempt. This is important to help prevent needless electrocutions in swimming pools.

Working smoke alarms save lives. Roughly three out of five fire deaths occur in homes without them. It is prudent to test smoke detectors and charge batteries at least once per year. The alarm will "chirp" if the battery is low. It is an important step towards protecting families. Here are some established safety tips on smoke detectors: ~ Install

smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom, sleeping area, and on every level of the home. ~ Install smoke alarms high on a wall or ceiling because smoke rises. Keep smoke alarms 10 feet away from the stove to reduce false alarms ~ It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms which will signal all smoke alarms to sound together if one smoke alarm sounds. ~ Replace batteries in all smoke alarms twice a year and sooner if an alarm "chirps" warning that the battery is low. ~ Test alarms monthly by pushing the "test" button. ~ Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond. ~ Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10 year batteries and hard wired alarms, when they are 10 years old. ~ Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These devices use strobe lights and bed shakers. ~ Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Make sure you have a plan in case of a fire. Create and practice escape routes. Always remember to include two ways out from each room, and designate a safe place outside to wait until help arrives.

### HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER



Unless noted otherwise, the meetings and workshops take place at City Hall located at 5581 W. Oakland Park Blvd. For more information regarding City Commission Meetings, Workshops, and Boards, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 954.730.3010.

## MAY '15

- 06** - Management / Confidential Pension Board .....4:00 pm
- 07** - Code Enforcement Board .....7:00 pm
- 10** - **Mother's Day**
- 11** - Public Communications & City Commission Meeting .7:00 pm
- 12** - Housing Authority .....11:00 am
- Firefighters' Pension Board (Fire Station 57) .....4:30 pm
- 18** - Commission Workshop .....7:00 pm
- 19** - Police Pension Board (Police Department) .....4:00 pm
- General Pension Board .....4:30 pm

- 21** - Local Affordable Housing Advisory Committee .....3:30 pm
- Code Enforcement Board .....7:00 pm
- 25** - **Memorial Day** .....**CITY HALL CLOSED**
- 26** - Recreation Advisory Board (Veterans Park) .....6:30 pm
- Planning & Zoning Board .....7:30 pm
- 27** - Educational Advisory Board .....6:30 pm

## JUNE '15

- 03** - Management / Confidential Pension Board .....4:00 pm
- 04** - Code Enforcement Board .....7:00 pm
- 08** - Public Communications & City Commission Meeting ..7:00 pm
- 09** - Housing Authority .....11:00 am
- Firefighters' Pension Board (Fire Station 57) .....4:30 pm
- 15** - Commission Workshop .....7:00 pm
- 16** - Police Pension Board (Police Department) .....4:00 pm
- General Pension Board) .....4:30 pm

- 16** Local Affordable Housing Advisory Committee .....3:30 pm
- Code Enforcement Board .....7:00 pm
- 21** - **Father's Day**
- 23** - Recreation Advisory Board (Veterans Park) .....6:30 pm
- Planning and Zoning Board .....7:30 pm
- 24** - Educational Advisory Board .....6:30 pm
- 29** - Public Communications & City Commission Meeting .7:00 pm

## JULY '15

- 01** - Management / Confidential Pension Board .....4:00 pm
- 02** - **Independence Day Observed** .....**CITY HALL CLOSED**
- 04** - **Independence Day**
- 13** - Public Communications & City Commission Meeting ..7:00 pm
- 14** - Budget Workshop .....9:30 am
- Firefighters' Pension Board (Fire Station 57) .....4:30 pm
- 16** - Local Affordable Housing Advisory Committee .....3:30 pm
- Code Enforcement Board .....7:00 pm

- 21** Police Pension Board (Police Department) .....4:00 pm
- General Pension Board .....4:30 pm
- 27** - Special Meeting / Preliminary Budget Hearing .....TBD
- 28** - Recreation Advisory Board (Veterans Park) .....6:30 pm
- Planning and Zoning Board .....7:30 pm
- 29** - Educational Advisory Board .....6:30 pm

## AUGUST '15

- 05** - Management / Confidential Pension Board .....4:00 pm
- 06** - Code Enforcement Board .....7:00 pm
- 11** - Housing Authority .....11:00 am
- Firefighters' Pension Board (Fire Station 57) .....4:30 pm
- 18** - Police Pension Board (Police Department) .....4:00 pm
- General Pension Board .....4:30 pm

- 20** - Local Affordable Housing Advisory Committee .....3:30 pm
- Code Enforcement Board .....7:00 pm
- 26** - Educational Advisory Board .....6:30 pm
- 31** - Public Communications & City Commission Meeting ..7:00 pm

## A Message From Your Dept. of Environmental & Engineering Services (DEES)

What does your home mean to you? Have you done everything you can to protect it? Floods can happen anywhere it rains. Properties in most of our City are now classified "Moderate-To-Low Risk". Flood insurance isn't federally required in moderate-to-low risk areas, but it is recommended for all property owners and renters. Statistically, these areas submit over 20% of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) claims and receive one-third of disaster assistance for flooding. Not having experienced a flood in the past does not mean you will not in the future.

Hurricanes and tropical storms also present flooding danger. They often bring flooding hundreds of miles inland placing communities like ours that would not normally be affected in greater danger of flooding. Just a few inches of water from a flood can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Everyone needs to be financially protected. If you do not have flood insurance yet, now is the time to get

it. Most insurance policies take effect 30 days after purchase, so don't wait! Homeowners without flood insurance should review their property insurance policies and become familiar with their coverages because damage from flooding is normally not covered. Itemize your possessions and take pictures. Keep valuable items and family heirlooms on shelves off the floor or on the upper floors of your home or building. Call your insurance agent to find out about purchasing flood insurance for your home or business and contents. Property owners can purchase low-cost, low-risk policies because the City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. You may call the Department of Environmental and Engineering Services at (954) 730-2960 or email your name, address, and phone number to [jfletcher@lauderdale-fl.gov](mailto:jfletcher@lauderdale-fl.gov) and request a Flood Determination Letter. This Letter will be required by your insurance agent to explore the different options available to you.



## Recycle Right, No Plastic Bags

Plastic bags are truly handy. They are lightweight and stretchy, perfect for holding stuff. But because they are lightweight, they blow around becoming litter on our streets and our waterways. Because they are stretchy, we seem to think they are good for holding our recycling, but that is not true. Neither plastic bags, nor plastic film-like wrap of any kind, can be recycled in your curbside recycling.

### Here's why:

Your recycling that gets collected from in front of your house is taken to a Materials Recovery Facility, and bags slow down the process or can jam the equipment. They are ripped open by an automated bag ripper and manually disposed of immediately. To recycle right: clean plastic grocery bags should be recycled at the grocery stores which have collection bins by the entrances or exits. Ask customer service where these containers are if you don't see them.

Try reusing your plastic bags a few times. Leave a few in your car for the next run to the store. Stash one in your purse or backpack for that quick stop at the convenience store. Use it for your kitty litter or after walking your dog. The best way to reduce the number of plastic bags you may be managing in a week is to say, "No thank you," and carry your own reusable totes or canvas bags with you.

Since no plastic film should be placed in curbside recycling at any time this includes unacceptable material such as plastic film, plastic grocery bags and plastic expanded foam (veggie or meat trays) also not allowed in curbside recycling. When you purchase beverages by the case, be sure to separate the plastic film (throw it away) from the cardboard (recycle it). Recyclables become trash when sent to wrong facility: NO Plastic Bags, Wrappers or Styrofoam.

Check out a really helpful YouTube animated video called "How does a Material Recovery Facility (MRF sounds like MURF) work?" for an easy-to-understand explanation of how our recyclables are sorted.

As recycling partners when you recycle right your home town and the environment are all winners. For more information on single stream recycling, contact Lee Rickles at Sun Bergeron, 954-680-6100 lrickles@bergeroninc.com.

## Human Resources Update

The City is accepting applications on a continuous basis for the following positions:

- Part-time Administrative Clerk
- Part-time Maintenance Worker I
- Part-time Lifeguard I
- Part-time Recreation Leader

### The following positions are also open until filled:

**Police Officer**  
**Full-time Plant Operator I**  
**Full-time Maintenance Worker I**  
**Full-time Utilities Superintendent**  
**Full-time Administrative Clerk**  
**Full-time Aquatic Supervisor**  
**Full-time Pool Manager**  
**Full-time Benefits/Risk Management Associate**  
**Full-time Crime Scene Technician**  
**Full-time Network Programmer Technician**

**Part-time Code Enforcement Officer I**  
**Part-time Bus Driver**  
**Part-time Youth Recreation Programmer**  
**Part-time Accounting Clerk I**  
**Part-time Chief Mechanical Inspector**  
**Part-time Recruiter and Background Investigator**  
**Part-time Youth Recreation Programmer**  
**Part-time Support Service Aide I**

Lauderhill residents, who have lived in the City six (6) months or longer, receive 5 additional points in the testing process. If you are interested in any of these positions, please call 954-730-3090 for more information or visit our website at [www.lauderhill-fl.gov](http://www.lauderhill-fl.gov) to review the City's job postings and/or to print an application.



## Splendor Realty Moves to Lauderhill

Splendor Realty, Inc. and its affiliate company Renaissance Management Group, Inc. are pleased to announce that they have relocated their corporate offices to Lauderhill. The move to Lauderhill supports the Companies' strategic decision to focus on promoting homeownership as a vehicle for economic empowerment to underserved communities throughout Broward County. Lauderhill is home to over 30,000 households with more than one third of those households renting. Through an extended homebuyer education program, these Companies will seek to transition some of those renters into owners. This increased rate of home ownership is expected to impact both the residents and the community as the benefits of owner based communities have long been established.



"We don't just want to do business in Lauderhill, we want to make a difference," says Splendor Realty's Spokesperson, Trisha Soman.

The Companies were founded by Sharon McLennon in 2000. She is a Certified Public Accountant, licensed real estate broker and a current board member of the Lauderhill Chamber of Commerce. Splendor Realty is a full service real estate brokerage while its affiliate Renaissance Management Group specializes in providing management support services to non-profits, small businesses and real estate investors.

For more information on the companies, contact Janet Findlay at 954-577-5575.

## Mayor's Anti-Bullying Essay Contest Winner



Mayor Kaplan is pictured with Jakob Kelly, the winner of his Anti-Bullying Essay Contest. While Jakob has never been bullied in school, he knows that bullying remains a very serious issue in schools across the Country. "It is a very big problem, one that needs to be addressed urgently," said the ninth-grader at Lauderhill 6-12. "Everyone knows someone who has dealt with bullying or has been bullied. It is important to get the word out." Jakob took home a signed autograph picture of Chris

Bosh, and he believes more attention should be focused on finding out the root causes of bullying. "We mainly focus on the effects of bullying and not on why people bully," he said. "We need to start thinking differently."

The Mayor's Essay Contest was part of a multi-pronged initiative by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Bully Project to eliminate bullying in schools. Lauderhill is one of the 19 cities in the state that have signed up to be a part of the project.

Apart from the Essay Contest, Lauderhill 6-12 students attended a screening of Bully, a documentary on the subject that is directed by award-winning filmmaker Lee Hirsch. About 600 T-shirts with the word "Bully" and a slash over the word were also given to the students.

The Mayor also recognized students Ralph Edouard Calixte & Sierra Alexis as the other (2) finalists in his Essay Contest.



## Parks/Facilities

### Parks and Leisure Services (PALS)

4141 N.W. 16th Street  
Phone: 954.730.3080  
Mon - Wed 7 am - 6 pm  
Thurs 7:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Fri - Sun Closed

### Golf Course

4141 N.W. 16th Street  
Phone: 954.730.2990  
Mon - Sun 7 am - 5 pm

### Sadkin Community Center

1176 N.W. 42nd Way  
Phone: 954.321.2450  
Building Hours (1st Floor Only)  
Mon - Fri 8 am - 9 pm  
Sat 10 am - 6 pm  
Sun Closed  
Fitness Room  
Mon - Fri 8 am - 12 pm & 5 - 9 pm  
Sat 10 am - 6 pm  
Sun Closed  
Gymnasium (2nd Floor)  
Closed for renovation

### Sports Park

7500 West Oakland Park Blvd.  
Phone: 954.572.1478  
Mon - Fri 6 am - 10 pm  
Sat/Sun 7 am - 7 pm

### St. George Community Park

3501 N.W. 8th Street  
Phone: 954.791.1039 or 954.791.1042  
Mon - Fri 8 am - 9 pm  
Sat 10 am - 6 pm  
Sun Closed

### Veterans Park

7600 N.W. 50th Street  
Phone: 954.572.1459  
Mon - Fri 9 am - 9 pm  
Sat 9 am - 6 pm  
Sun Closed

### West Ken Lark Park

1321 N.W. 33rd Avenue  
Phone: 954.791.1034 or 954.791.1035  
Mon - Fri 8 am - 9 pm  
Sat 10 am - 9 pm  
Sun 10 am - 6 pm  
Building Closed, park open

### West Wind Park

4550 N.W. 82nd Avenue  
Phone: 954.572.1471  
Mon - Fri 6 am - 10 pm  
Sat & Sun 7 am - 8 pm

### Wolk Park

1080 N.W. 42nd Way  
Phone: 954.321.2466  
Tennis office or 954.321.2465  
Mon - Fri 8 am - 9 pm  
Sat 10 am - 6 pm  
Sun Tennis Courts closed

# PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES

## CLASSES & PROGRAMS AT VETERANS PARK\*

### Camera Club

Contact: Warren Dorfman 954.971.1495  
**Day/Time:** Every 2nd and 4th Wed. of the month 7 - 9 pm

### Fitness/Weight Room

**Days/Time:** Mon. - Fri.: 9 am to 8:45 pm  
Sat.: 9 am to 5:45 pm  
**Cost:** Free to Lauderhill Residents.  
Daily and yearly rates available.  
Members must be 16 years of age or older with a valid picture ID for proof of residency and complete a Waiver Form to utilize the fitness room.  
\*\* 16 & 17 year olds must be accompanied by an adult.

### Judo

**Ages:** 6 yrs. old and up  
**Day/Time:** Mon. & Weds. 6:30 - 9 pm  
**Registration fee:** \$25  
**Monthly fee:** \$50  
Contact: Mike Cobb (954) 473-9679

### Kendo

**Ages:** 12 and older  
**Day/Time:** Friday at 7 - 9 pm  
**Registration fee:** \$25  
**Monthly fee:** \$50  
Contact: Mike Cobb at (954) 473-9679

### Scrabble Club # 276

**Day/Time:** Wednesday 5:45 - 9 pm  
**Cost:** \$3.00  
Contact Sandee Bloom (954) 726-6449

### Tae Kwon Do

**Days:** Tuesday and Thursday  
**Time:** Beginners children class at 6:45 - 7:30 pm; Adults class at 7 - 8:30 pm  
Come watch or participate in 1 class - FREE  
Contact Master David Simons - 954-629-2533

## WEST KEN LARK PARK

### Fitness Room

FREE for Lauderhill Residents  
**Day/Time:** Mon. - Fri. 8 am - 9:45 pm;  
Sat. 10 am - 5:45 pm; Sun. - Closed  
A waiver & application are required. State ID, driver's license or passport also required for free membership card. Youth ages 16 & 17 may use fitness room, but must be under adult supervision.

### 3 on 3 Basketball Tournaments

A one day competition, held the 4th Thursday of each month. Except during the summer.  
**Age:** 7 to 17  
**Cost:** FREE  
Please call: (954) 791-1034 or (954) 791-1035

### Adults with Disabilities Dance

Individuals with disabilities meet to enjoy great tunes by DJ Jason Tipton. Participants must be accompanied by parents, guardians or teachers. Registration is limited.  
**Day/Time:** Friday at 9 am - 1:30 pm  
Please call: (954) 791-1034 or (954) 791-1035

### Kiwanis "Aktion" Club

Individuals with disabilities can participate in volunteer projects in our community. Participants must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or teacher. Registration is limited.  
**Day/Time:** Tues. & Fri. at 9 - 11 am  
Please call 954.791.1034 or 954.791.1035 for more information or to register.

### Kiwanis Fish & Grits Breakfast

**Day/Time:** 4th Sat. of every month at 8 - 11 am  
**Cost:** Donation of \$6.00 per plate  
Proceeds benefit Community Services Projects.  
Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Central Broward

## Do You Want to Lower Your Home Insurance Rates?

Visit: [www.insurancetodaystore.com](http://www.insurancetodaystore.com) to receive a FREE eBook, "Your Guide to Wind Mitigation in Florida." The valuable information provided in the eBook & on Eula Murray-Hylton's website can save you money.

Do you know the (6) ways to save on your Homeowner's Insurance?

According to [www.insurancetodaystore.com](http://www.insurancetodaystore.com):

- 1- Review your policy
- 2- Update your information
- 3- Change your deductibles
- 4- Opt for actual cash value on contents
- 5- Do a wind mitigation inspection report
- 6- Install a burglar alarm





## ST. GEORGE PARK

For more information call (954) 791-1039

### Co-Ed Kickball Practice

The practices are free & open to individuals 21 years old and up. .

**Day/Time:** Sat. 10am

### Fitness/Weight Room

Open to the community, FREE to residents.

**Day/Time:** Mon. - Fri. 8 am - 8:45 pm  
Sat. 10 am - 5:45 pm

Members must be at least 16 years old with a valid picture I.D. for proof of residency. A waiver must also be completed. \*\*16 & 17 year olds must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

### HOA Game Night

St. George residents can come out to play Checkers, Chess, Dominoes, Monopoly, etc. Participants must be 21 years or older to play.

**Day/Time:** Fri. from 6:30 - 9 pm

### Line Dance Aerobics Class

Classes offers a unique style of dance aerobics. Dance away the pounds as you learn various line dances and meet new friends.

**Day/Time:** Mon. & Tue. 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

**Cost:** \$25/per month or \$5/per class

### Open Recreation Programs

Activities include: board games, video games, and homework assistance for children ages 7-17 years old.

**Day/Time:** Wed. 4 - 6 pm

### Senior Birthday Club

Ages 55 yrs and older. Activities include, fitness classes, leisure trips, celebrations, meetings, AM walking club, games, and socializing.

**Day/Time:** Mon. - Fri. 8:30 - 11:30 am

### 3 on 3 Basketball Tournaments

This half-court game allows both males and females ages 10 - 20 years old of all skill levels to participate. The game will begin on Saturday, June 13th, 2015 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Quarterly tournament dates will be announced.

### Movie Day

Residents between the ages of 7 - 16 years old are invited to watch PG movies starting June 8th, 2015. **Day/Time:** Mon. 1 - 4 pm

## Parks, Pavilion and Community Room Rental

Residents may rent the Community Room (Maximum Capacity 100) on Saturdays 1 - 5 pm ONLY.

**Rental fee:** \$100.00 (Minimum 4 hours)  
+ \$100.00 for the security deposit  
\$25.00 for each additional hour

**Kitchen Use:** NO COOKING ALLOWED

**Rental fee:** \$30.00 + \$100.00 security deposit.

The security deposit will be refunded in approximately 3 weeks if the community room/pavilion is left in good order.

## THE SADKIN CENTER

### Youth Volunteer Program

Interested teens needing to perform community service hours for high school graduation ONLY can register for after school and Saturday time slots between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Time slots are available at several park sites. Parents are required to complete the registration for minors. NO COURT ORDERED COMMUNITY SERVICE IS PERMITTED. Call Daphne at 954.321.2450 for registration information

### Girls to Women

An empowerment mentoring program for teen girls.

**Day/Time:** Every Thursday 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.  
Call Amena at 754-229-9755 for registration information.

### Lauderhill Women's Club

**Day/Time:** Every first Thursday of the month 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

### Lauderhill Youth Basketball League & Lions Traveling Basketball Organization

Registration is happening NOW - League play starts January 2013.

### Dominoes Open Play

Interested players must register and be at least 18 years old.

**Day/Time:** Mon. - Thurs. 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

**Cost:** \$2/residents and \$4/non-residents.

### Adult Basketball Open Play

Basketball is offered for adults at least 18 years of age on

**Day/Time:** Mon. - Thurs. 1:00 pm - 1:00 pm.  
You must register to play.

**Cost:** \$2/residents and \$4/non-residents.

### Wellness / Fitness Classes

The Sadkin Center offers Zumba®, Cardio Kickboxing, Yoga, Boot Camp, Body Sculpting, Soca Aerobics and more!! With the BEST instructors!!

**Day/Time:** An instructor is available every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for group exercise classes from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

**Cost:** \$20 per month includes unlimited classes, specialty classes and monthly gym access. The daily rate is \$5 per class.

Child Care is available during classes. Call for details and the cost.

### Fitness/Weight Room

Gym memberships are available; daily/yearly rates must be purchased by non-residents. The membership is free for Lauderhill residents.

**Day/Time:**

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 8:45 pm  
Fridays 8:00 am - 12 noon & 5:00 pm - 8:45 pm  
Saturdays 10:00 am - 5:45 pm  
Sundays Closed

Members must be 16 years of age or older with a valid picture I.D. for proof of residency and complete a waiver form to utilize the fitness room. \*\*16 & 17 year olds must be accompanied by an adult member at all times OR have written permission from parent. Parent must come in to fill out paperwork.

### African Dance, Drumming & Yoga

**Day/Time:**

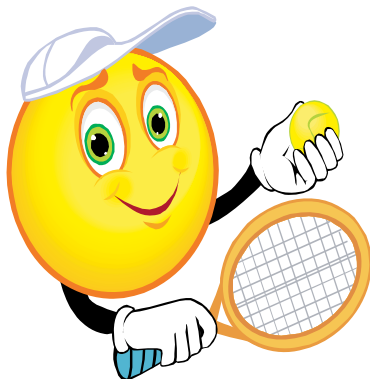
Friday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.  
Call Marguerita at 954.588.7385 to register or for more information.

### Martial Arts Classes

FREE martial arts classes are offered to children grades K-6 every Saturday morning. Registration is closed after 15 children are signed up



# TENNIS



**2015  
Summer  
Tennis  
Camp**  
\$95 per week

[www.tonytynestennis.com](http://www.tonytynestennis.com)

**Court #4 and Court #5**

West Wind Tennis Park  
June 8th - July 31st, 2015  
Daily from 9:30AM - 1:00PM  
**954-369-4557**

4550 NW 82nd Ave., Lauderhill, Florida 33351



**LAUDERHILL LIONS**  
Youth Soccer Club

**Summer  
SOCCER  
Camp**  
kids 5-18 years old



**JUNE 8TH - AUGUST 21, 2015**

Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Each registered camper is \$80/week**

(includes instruction in soccer skills  
as well as weekly field trips and excursions to amusement and  
water parks, swimming pools, movies and bowling)

**10% Discount on early registration**

Multiple week discounts (4 or more weeks)

Early drop off and late pick up available!



**VETERANS PARK**

**7600 NW 50TH STREET, LAUDERHILL, FL 33351**



## Mah Jongg Club



The Lauderhill Mah Jongg Club meets every Wednesday from 12pm - 3pm at the Lauderhill City Hall Annex located at 3300 Inverrary Blvd. in Lauderhill. The cost is \$1.00, which covers bottled water, supplies and monthly contest prizes. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Kaplan at 954-253-0547 or via e-mail at [cliffy\\_lynn@yahoo.com](mailto:cliffy_lynn@yahoo.com).

## 2015 Summer Camp

**LAUDERHILL'S PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED TO PROVIDE SUMMER CAMP THIS YEAR!**

**DATES:** 8 week camp: Monday, June 15th - Friday, August 7th

**HOURS:** Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

**AGES:**

\*Children 5 -12 years old

\*Kindergarten - 6th Grade only

\*Child must provide proof that they have completed Kindergarten by June 12, 2015. No PRE-K.

**SITE:** \*Veterans Park (maximum 100 children)

\*Other sites to be announced

For more information, call Daphne or Marcellus at 954-321-2450.





# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## Lions Youth Travel Soccer Program Registration

**Where:** Veterans Park

7600 N.W. 50th Street, Phone: 954-572-1474

**When:** Tryouts in May/June

**Who:** Boys and Girls ages 7 - 17

**Cost:** \$275 for travel program, \$10 discount for each additional child

**Note:** Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, health insurance, and a recent picture (close-up head shot)

**Season:** September - May

For more specific information, please contact Ken Lewis at [klewisesq@yahoo.com](mailto:klewisesq@yahoo.com) or visit the City's website at [www.lauderhill-fl.gov](http://www.lauderhill-fl.gov).

## Lauderhill Lions Youth Tackle Football and Cheerleading Program Registration

**Where:** Sadkin Community Center,

1176 N.W. 42nd Way, Phone: 954-321-2450

**Who:** Boys and Girls ages 5 - 15

**Cost:** \$85 per child (Lauderhill residents), \$15 additional for non-residents, \$10 discount for each additional child

**Note:** Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, health insurance, and a recent picture (close-up head shot)

**Season:** June - November

For more information, contact Sam Goodman at [quato919734@yahoo.com](mailto:quato919734@yahoo.com) or visit the City's website at [www.lauderhill-fl.gov](http://www.lauderhill-fl.gov).

## Lauderhill Broncos Youth Tackle Football and Cheerleading Program Registration

**Where:** West Ken Lark Park,

1321 NW 33rd Avenue,

Phone: 954-791-1034

**Who:** Boys and Girls ages 5 - 15

**Cost:** \$85 per child (Lauderhill residents), \$15 additional for non-residents, \$10 discount for each additional child

**Note:** Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, health insurance, and a recent picture (close-up head shot)

For more information, contact Steve Jordan at [sjordan@lauderdalebroncos.org](mailto:sjordan@lauderdalebroncos.org) or visit [www.lauderdalebroncos.org](http://www.lauderdalebroncos.org) or the City's website at [www.lauderhill-fl.gov](http://www.lauderhill-fl.gov).

# SENIOR PROGRAMS

## **Activities for Active Adults**

**(55 years and up)**

\*You must be a member of the Lauderhill Adult Center to participate in the programs.

All activities take place at the Sadkin Community Center 1176 NW 42nd Way, unless otherwise noted.

## Diabetes Workshop / 6 Week Course

Starts: Thursdays, May 7 - June 18 at 9:00 am -11:30 am

Sponsored by Emilia Solano, YMCA

## Fire Safety Program

Thursday, May 21 at 10:00 am

Sponsored by Myriame Myrtill, Chen Medicals

## Anger Management

Tuesday, June 16 at 11:30 am

Sponsored by Kim Valentine, TrustBridge Health

## Hurricane Preparedness

Thursday, June 25 at 10:00 am

Sponsored by Myriame Myrtill, Chen Medicals

## Living Healthy Workshop / 6 Week Course

Starts: Thursdays, July 9 - August 13 at 9:00 am -11:30 am

Sponsored by Emilia Solano, YMCA

## Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, July 14 at 11:30 am

## Ongoing Classes and Services at Sadkin Community Center

Arts & Crafts	Wednesdays	11 am – 11:45 am	Free
Beading Class	Mondays	10:00 am – 10:45 am	Free
Blood Pressure Screenings	1st Th / monthly	9 am	Free
Coffee/Tea Time	M - Th	9 am – 11 am	Free
Dominos	M – Th	9 am – 12:30 pm	Free
Exercise / Zumba Class	Tuesdays	10:30 am – 11:30 am	Free
Lunch Program	M – Th	11:30 am - 12:15 pm	Donations
Nautilus	M – Th	9 am – 12:30 pm	Free
S.H.I.N.E.	Per Request	9:30 am – 12 pm	Free
Socialization	M – Th	9 am – 12:30 pm	Free
Water Aerobics	Mondays	11 am – 11:45 am	Free
Yoga	Wednesdays	10 am – 10:45 am	Free

For further information on all ongoing Senior Programs, please call: Terri Johnson, Senior Center Coordinator at: 954.321.2450

## What to Expect When You Call 911

Thursday, August 20 at 10:00 am

Sponsored by Myriame Myrtill, Chen Medicals

## Beading Class

Mondays at 10:00 am

Sponsored by Irene Hammer, Beading Instructor

## Water Aerobics

Mondays at 11:00 am

Sponsored by Ronald Burton, Silver Fins Instructor

## Blood Pressure Screenings

First Thursday of each month at 9:00 am

Sponsored by Myriame Myrtill, Chen Medical Center

## Exercise / Zumba Class

Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Sponsored by Ronald Burton, of Zumba Fitness Instructor

## Yoga Class

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Sponsored by Irene Hammer, of Yoga for Youth Inc

## Arts & Crafts Class

Wednesdays at 11:00 am

Sponsored by Roland Ruocco, Arts & Crafts Instructor

## Parties and Celebrations

### Mother's Day Celebration

Wednesday, May 6 at 11:30 am

### Father's Day Luncheon

Wednesday, June 17 at 11:30 am

### Independence Day BBQ

Thursday, July 2 at 11:30 am

### Celebrate Your Birthday with Us

Thursdays – May 28, June 25, July 30, & August 27 at 11:30 am



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Andrea Anderson .....730-3010  
City Attorney  
W. Earl Hall .....730-3010

### BUSINESS AND NEIGHBORHOOD

#### ENRICHMENT

.....730-3036 & 777-2045

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)

Director  
Don Giancoli .....714-1534

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director  
Charlie Cuyler .....730-2960  
Streets Maintenance .....730-4224  
Water Plant .....730-2972  
Utilities Division / Interim Director  
Herb Johnson  
Engineering Division / City Engineer  
Juan Martin Cala

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Assistant City Manager / Finance Director  
Kennie Hobbs, Jr. ....730-3030

### BUSINESS CENTER

Utility Customer Service .....730-3030  
Business Licenses .....730-3068 & 714-1529

### FIRE & RESCUE - 1980 NW 56th Ave.

Chief  
Marc Celetti .....730-2950

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Director  
Revlon Fennell .....730-3090  
Job Line .....730-4244

### PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES

4141 NW 16th St.  
Director  
Irvin Kiffin .....730-3080  
Golf Course .....730-2990  
Sports Park .....572-1478  
Veterans Park .....572-1459

### PLANNING AND ZONING

Director  
Earl Hahn .....730-3054

### POLICE - 6279 W. OAKLAND PARK BLVD.

Chief  
Andrew Smalling .....497-4700  
Victims Services .....497-4738

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Fire & Police  
Emergencies .....911  
Non-Emergencies .....765-4321  
Water, Sewer & Garbage Billing  
Questions .....730-3030  
Water Line Breaks and  
Emergencies .....730-2960  
(After Hours) .....730-2972  
Code Enforcement .....730-3070  
All Service Republic  
(Garbage) .....583-1830  
General Information .....739-0100  
S.H.I.P. Hotline .....730-3036  
Library - Towne Centre .....357-6406  
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## NOW TRAINING + LIFEGUARDS +

The City of Lauderdale  
Parks & Leisure Services  
Department is offering  
**BLENDED LIFEGUARD  
TRAINING CLASSES** at  
Wolk Park Pool &  
John E. Mullins  
Aquatic Center.

Prerequisites for the class are  
as follows:

Online portion of the  
course must be completed

300 yard swim (We offer  
pre-course swim technique  
evaluation and practice classes)

Must be 18 years or older

FOR MORE INFORMATION

**954.572.1461**

## SUMMER FUN! at Lauderdale Aquatics



### OPEN SWIM

**\$2 Adult  
\$1 Child**

\*Small children must  
be accompanied  
by an adult

\*Proper swim suits  
must be worn

**\$5 Swim  
Lessons**

**Swim Team | Pool Parties | Lifeguard Training**

Veterans Park | John E. Mullins Aquatic Center | Wolk Park

## Code Enforcement Reminder:

Parking across sidewalks creates hazards for pedestrians,  
and it may result in a parking ticket being issued.

## Important Reminder:

The Broward Sheriff's Office's Non-Emergency Phone  
Number, which serves the entire City of Lauderdale, has  
changed. Please note that the new number is  
**954-764-HELP (4357).**

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## SAVE THE DATE

The 2015 National Urban League Conference is being held in  
Fort Lauderdale, July 29th - August 1st, 2015. The 2015  
Conference Features will include: Empowering Sessions &  
Workshops, a Career & Networking Fair, a Women of Power  
Awards Show & a Young Professionals Summit. For more  
information, including how to register, visit:  
[iamempowered.com](http://iamempowered.com).